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AUTOPSY REPORT

Case Number: [REDACTED]

October 3, 2017

POSTMORTEM EXAMINATION ON THE BODY OF

[REDACTED]

Date of pronounced death is October 2, 2017. The examination is performed by Lary Simms, DO, MPH, Medical Examiner, at 1430 hours, October 3, 2017.

CLOTHING: The body is received unclothed. Accompanying the body are multicolored underwear, plaid top, white bra, black top, and black shorts.

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION: The body is that of a normally developed [REDACTED] adult measuring 67 inches in length and weighing 140 pounds. Rigor mortis is absent. Lividity is present posteriorly. The head hair is dark and long. The unshaved scalp is unremarkable. The eyes are closed. The corneas are cloudy. The irides are dark. The lips are unremarkable. The teeth are natural and in poor repair. No injuries are identified to the external neck. The chest and abdomen show no evidence of natural disease. The extremities are equally and symmetrically developed. Fingerprint ink is present on the hands bilaterally. The fingernails and toenails are medium in length and demonstrate decoration. The external genitalia are female and otherwise unremarkable. The back and buttocks are unremarkable.

INVENTORY OF TATTOOS:

1. An indecipherable tattoo located on the right hip.
2. An iconographic tattoo located on the lumbosacral area.



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INVENTORY OF RADIOGRAPHIC FINDINGS:

COMMENT: Digital radiographs are interpreted on an ENTUITIVE monitor; extracorporeal objects are present; degenerative skeletal change is present.

1. Postmortem regional radiographs of the head and neck demonstrate ballistically insignificant bullet fragments in the soft tissues of the lower anterior neck.
2. Postmortem regional radiographs of the chest demonstrate opacification of the right lung associated with pneumothorax; ballistically significant and insignificant bullet fragments are projected to the right of the vertebral column of the central chest; the body of the 6th thoracic vertebra demonstrates a fracture.
3. Postmortem regional radiographs of the abdomen and pelvis demonstrate ballistically insignificant bullet fragments projected over the right hemidiaphragm.
4. Postmortem regional radiographs of the extremities are unremarkable.

INVENTORY OF GUNSHOT INJURY:

1. Located in the **central upper back** 14.5 inches from the top of the head and directly in the midline is a gunshot wound of entrance measuring 0.22 inch in overall dimension; the wound is composed of a central hole measuring 0.12 inch in dimension associated with a circumferential abrasion collar measuring up to 0.05 inch in dimension.

The bullet courses through the skin and subcutaneous tissues of the central upper back, courses through the thoracic vertebral column and courses through the right-central chest; a deformed small caliber lead bullet with

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associated jacket fragments are recovered from the subcutaneous tissue of the right chest.

Additionally present in the right chest 14.5 inches from the top of the head and 1.0 inch to the right of the midline is an irregular wound measuring 0.2 x 0.3 inch in dimension consistent with a bullet fragment exit.

Percutaneous thoracentesis of the right pleural cavity demonstrates gross blood.

The bullet courses from back-to-front directly. Examination of wound of entrance shows no evidence of close-range firing.

INVENTORY OF ADDITIONAL FINDINGS:

1. The right eyebrow demonstrates a superficial laceration associated with a 0.8 inch abrasion.
2. The bridge of the nose demonstrates several irregular abrasions.
3. The central nose and ala demonstrate multiple irregular and curvilinear abrasions and superficial lacerations.
4. Epistaxis is present.
5. The perioral skin demonstrates multiple irregular and curvilinear abrasions.
6. The central incisor on the left side demonstrates avulsion.
7. The dorsal surface of the right hand demonstrates several irregular abrasions.
8. The skin surfaces of the thighs and knees demonstrate adherent black-gray material.

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9. The knees bilaterally demonstrate multiple irregular and curvilinear abrasions.
10. The cutaneous surfaces of the dorsal feet demonstrate adherent black-gray material associated with multiple irregular and curvilinear abrasions.
11. The left elbow demonstrates several irregular abrasions.
12. The dorsal surface of the left hand demonstrates several irregular ecchymoses associated with a punctate abrasion on the dorsal surface of the 5th finger.

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE RECOVERY AND DISPOSITION:

1. Deformed lead bullet and jacket fragments recovered from the subcutaneous tissue of the right chest to custody of Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department

FLUIDS AND TISSUES SUBMITTED:

1. Postmortem chest blood.
2. Vitreous humor.

TESTING ORDERED:

1. Toxicologic analysis [NMS: Basic] on autopsy blood.

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OPINION

CAUSE OF DEATH: The cause of death of this [REDACTED] year-old [REDACTED] female, [REDACTED] is GUNSHOT WOUND OF THE CENTRAL UPPER BACK.

MANNER OF DEATH: HOMICIDE.



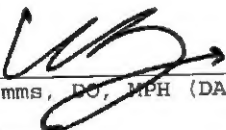
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ADDENDUM: An intact tooth and tooth fragments recovered from the scene ([REDACTED], [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]) are analyzed (see separate Forensic Dentist report and DNA Analysis report) and match positively beyond any reasonable doubt to the decedent [REDACTED].



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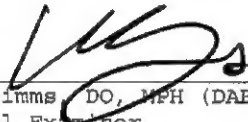
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The remains are analyzed [see separate forensic dentist report and DNA analysis report] and match positively beyond any reasonable doubt to case [REDACTED] [see separate report].


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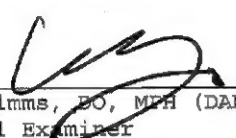
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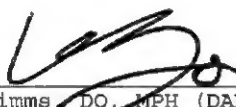
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